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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of J. Huston, P. Wils, Q. Zhu, O. Laurent,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Election of Species Requirement, dated December 17, 2004, be extended one month, from January 17, 2005 to February 17, 2005.

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A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of the fee for this Petition is attached hereto. The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this petition to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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